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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 18, 2007, having a three-month period for response set to expire on October 18, 2007, please consider the following remarks. A listing of the claims is provided for the Examiner's convenience.